

GREETINGS

It's that time of year again. The summer is winding down, the kids are going back to school, and your public servants down at city hall are wrestling with the budget. I've been in office over a year now and with all the amazing support from the community, I believe we are starting to make a difference in District 2. In all my years, I've never seen so many great things happening for our District.

The budget season is a stressful one. San Antonio is the 9th largest city in the United States and must balance a 1.5 billion dollar budget. This process is long and extremely taxing. Every allocation must be scrutinized to ensure that we are doing what is best for the citizens of San Antonio. With all this in mind, it looks as though we may still be adopting the budget on schedule.

Even with the budget process going on, it is still business as usual at the office. Every day my staff handles dozens of calls, and we are all working diligently to help make life better for the citizens of District 2. As always I encourage the residents of district 2 to take advantage of my open door policy. My staff and I are always willing to assist when needed. I've empowered my staff to be my duplicate, so please take advantage of them. They are here for you.

Joel Williams

JACK DEVAUGHN STREET UNVEILING

On June 14th I had the honor and privilege of dedicating several streets to the late Jack W DeVaughn. He was an activist in the community who needs no introduction. He fought to make his neighborhood and the City of San Antonio at large a better place to live. He is proof that one person can truly make a difference. Jack W DeVaughn touched numerous lives, and passed on a legacy to his wife, children, and neighbors. He is a role model for so many that feel that they can't make a difference in this world. I can think of no better man to have dedicated these streets to.



JOEL WILLIAMS

WHAT YOUR REP HAS DONE FOR YOU

- ◆ HELPED TO HOST THE LARGEST MLK MARCH IN THE NATION'S HISTORY.
- ◆ TWO NEIGHBORHOOD SWEEPS
- ◆ SINCLAIR RD. LITTER CLEANED UP
- ◆ CRIME REDUCED BY OVER 60%
- ◆ ONLY COUNCILMAN IN THIS ADMINISTRATION TO HAVE TWO FIELD OFFICES
- ◆ WORKING TO BRING A STATE OF THE ART HEALTH CARE FACILITY TO THE DISTRICT
- ◆ FIXING THE LOW WATER CROSSING ON SINCLAIR RD.
- ◆ RENOVATING LAKESIDE PARK
- ◆ NEW LIBRARY FOR ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL
- ◆ NUMEROUS FAMILIES HELPED TO MAKE ENDS MEET THROUGH CORPORATE SPONSORS
- ◆ ESTABLISHED AN ADVISORY BOARD WITH LOCAL ACADEMICS TO ADVISE ON PRESSING DISTRICT ISSUES
- ◆ BUILDING UP THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE DISTRICT
- ◆ BRINGING MORE BUSINESS TO THE AREA
- ◆ IMPROVING THE LEVEL OF EDUCATION WITHIN DISTRICT 2
- ◆ BRINGING MORE HIGH-TECH JOBS TO THE DISTRICT

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National Night Out



On August 3, neighborhoods throughout District 2 observed National Night Out. National Night Out encourages neighbors to get to know each other and take a stand against crime.

Councilman Joel Williams made his way to as many National Night Out neighborhood events as possible and wants to thank all the people who participated in this worthwhile cause.

The annual National Night Out promotes crime and drug prevention. During the event, citizens are asked to turn on their outside lights and spend the evening outdoors building neighborhood camaraderie against crime and drugs in the community.

SAWS Assistance Programs

Council District	No. Of Customers	Amount
1	1,284	\$6,549.42
2	1,732	\$9,193.24
3	699	\$3,633.80
4	689	\$3,689.47
5	2,137	\$10,959.47
6	965	\$5,040.49
7	950	\$4,965.09
8	155	\$828.14
9	178	\$928.27
10	283	\$1,459.13
OCL	104	\$476.86
TOTAL	9,176	\$47,723.38

The San Antonio Water System has three Assistance programs in place. The table to the left outlines the number of customers being helped by the Af-

fordability program and the chart to the right outlines the citizens being helped by the Senior Discount Program. For more information on these programs please contact SAWS at 704-7297.

Council District	No. Of Customers
1	1,882
2	2,752
3	1,265
4	481
5	2,091
6	1,414
7	1,806
8	834
9	825
10	900
OCL	281
TOTAL	14,531



Health Fair for District 2

Over 24 agencies were involved in the District 2 Health Fair held July 10th at the Claude Black Center. The Blood and Tissue center conducted a blood and organ donor drive. Dr. Smith from South Texas Dental had free dental screenings. Dr. Webb from Web Eye Associates conducted eye screenings. Planned Parenthood gave breast exams and provided information on mammograms, to just name a few. Trained medical staff was available to discuss anything from diabetes, to AIDS, vision, or even high cholesterol. The health fair was a huge success thanks to all the agencies involved and the dozens of citizens who took advantage of the free services.



Carver Auditorium Renaming

District 2 Councilman Joel Williams has appointed a committee to consider renaming the Carver Auditorium, 226 Hackberry Street, to the Jo Long Theatre for the Performing Arts.

The proposed name change will coincide with the grand re-opening of the Carver Community Cultural Center and is scheduled for September 25th. The dedication of the theatre will honor Ms. Jo Long for her long-standing contributions as the Carver Community Center’s first director.



Ms. Long was selected director of the Carver in 1976. Furthermore, Ms. Long has been recognized by several organizations, including the Texas Commission on the Arts, the San Antonio “Women’s Hall of Fame,” and *Texas Monthly* magazine (1997). Ms. Long provided artistic mentorship and project development to San Antonio’s visual and performing arts community.

“Ms. Jo Long transformed a community center into a cultural powerhouse and it is my distinct pleasure to recommend that the Carver Auditorium to be renamed in her honor,” said Councilman Williams.

Gervin Street Sign Unveiled

On July 21, District 2 Councilman Joel Williams joined San Antonio Spurs legend George Gervin unveil a street sign that bears the name of the former NBA player.

The ceremony took place at the corner of Sunbelt and Target Drive at the George Gervin Academy. The academy is a charter school founded by Gervin which gives youth the opportunity to pursue a GED or high school diploma. GGA emphasizes academic and job training skills.



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Floodplain Summit

On July 7th Councilman Williams held a Flood Zone Neighborhood Summit meeting to discuss the pressing flooding issues within District 2 along the Rosillo and Salado creek areas. With over a hundred citizens in attendance and multiple media representatives, the meeting was clearly needed. Representatives from Public Works, and the San Antonio River Authority. During the floodplain summit residents were able to voice their concerns and work with city staff to ensure that their issues were addressed. Staff was also able to discuss current and future plans and projects to alleviate flooding. The resources just don’t exist to solve all the concerns at one time. What we must do is prioritize drainage projects and begin working on the ones that will have the greatest effect on residents of district 2. With limited resources and high demand we have to slowly chip away at a problem that has been ignored for far too long.

District 2 Talent Show

The San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department and Time Warner Cable of San Antonio pulled off another successful Our Part of Town talent show competition. Amateur performers from across the city are invited to strut their best stuff on stage, competing for Saving Bonds and the excitement of knowing that the winning performances will be televised on TVSA Channel 21. The Final competition will be on Sunday, Oct. 10, at 2 p.m. at the Watson Fine Art Center, St. Philips College.



Overall winners in the three age categories receive \$1,000 savings bonds from Time Warner Cable Co. They will also receive professional head shots valued at \$450 from San Antonio Photo. First and second runners-up in each category will receive premium bags from Time Warner. Plaques will be issued to the overall winners, and the first and second runners-up. All participants receive certificates.

The winners of the District 2 2004 Talent Show by age group are:

12 and Under

Overall Winner

Robert Tre Young

11 years old - singer

1st Runner-Up

Krystal Diaz

12 years old – dancer

2nd Runner-Up

Nathanael Sherrod

10 years old – singer

13-19 Years

Overall Winner

Caroline Garcia

13 years old - singer

Ist Runner-Up

Gloria Kwizera

17 years old - singer

2nd Runner-Up

Georvonna Aleman

17 years old - singer

20 and Over

Overall Winner

Diamonique Jackson &

Group - Seven dancers

Ages 18 to 31

Ist Runner-Up

Belen Cabrera

24 years old - singer

2nd Runner-Up

Tammy Mixon

31 years old - singer